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**RESUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS PREVIOUSLY FILED
ON JANUARY 7, 2005**

Sir:

Examiner David Owen Reip recently informed the undersigned that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) had no copy of the papers filed by Applicants on January 7, 2005, including an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), an Identification of Certified Copy of Priority Document, and a Response to Notice Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.251. Applicants faxed the previously filed Response to Notice Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.251 (including the Copy of Authorization to Act in a Representative Capacity and the Notice Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.251) to Examiner Reip on September 27, 2005. Applicants are now resubmitting herewith the remaining documents originally filed on January 7, 2005, including an IDS citing 139 references, copies of the cited foreign and non-patent references, an Identification of Certified Copy of Priority Document, and a post card date stamped January 7, 2005 by the USPTO.

If there are any other documents needed by the USPTO, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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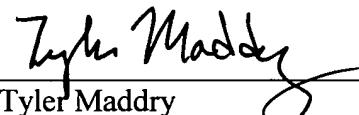
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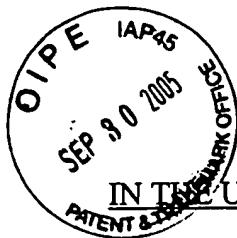
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants are submitting herewith: (1) a first attached Form PTO-SB/08A listing U.S. patents for consideration and to be made of record herein by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-captioned application; (2) a second attached Form PTO-SB/08A listing references other than U.S. patents for consideration and to be made of record herein by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; and (3) copies of the non-U.S. patent references cited on the second attached form PTO-SB/08A.

On the second attached form PTO-SB/08A, FR 1505513 and FR 2740321 are provided with English translations, and WO 01/26566 is provided with an International Search Report and a Written Opinion.

In U.S. Publication No. 2004/0220571, cited on the second attached form PTO-SB/08A, Applicants filed a Request for Interference against U.S. Patent 6,224,602. U.S. Patent No. 6,224,602 is currently a patent in suit in *Cross Medical Products, Inc. v. Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc. et al.*, No. SACV 8:03-0110 GLT (C.D. Cal. filed February 4, 2003).

Consideration of the foregoing plus the prompt return of a copy of the enclosed first and second Forms PTO/SB/08A with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with MPEP 609 are respectfully requested.

Applicants' submission of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission that the cited references are prior art to the present invention, or that the cited references qualify as printed publications. The submission of this Information Disclosure Statement also shall not be construed as a representation that a prior art search has been performed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, it is believed that no fee is required for consideration of this information. However, in the event any fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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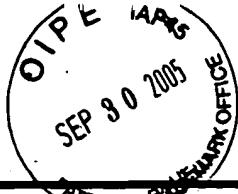


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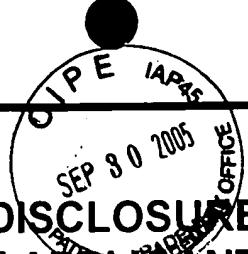
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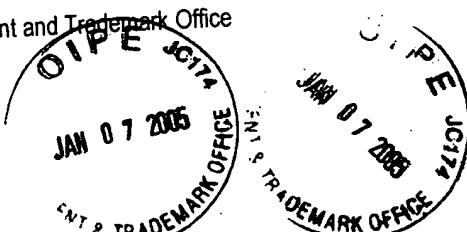
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